


# PEACE COUNTRY REGION

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## MAJOR MUNICIPALITIES

- The Major Municipality that gained the most population according to Statistics Canada census data from 2001 – 2006 (5 Years), in percentage, for the Peace Country Region was Grande Prairie with an increase of 27.3% (10,093 residents).

*Please note: Shadow populations are not counted in the census. The province of Alberta has recently experienced an influx of shadow population or seasonal workers due to the economic boom. This has been brought to the attention of Statistics Canada and any revisions will be released in the fall of 2008.*

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region				
Major Municipalities*	Status	2006 Population	2001 Population	1996 Population
Grande Prairie	City	47,076	36,983	31,140
Grande Prairie No. 1, County of	Municipal District	17,970	15,638	13,750
Peace River	Town	6,315	6,240	6,536
Greenview No. 16, M.D. of	Municipal District	5,485	5,439	5,433
Northern Lights No. 22, M.D. of	Municipal District	3,772	3,636	3,880
Fairview	Town	3,297	3,155	3,316
Clear Hills No. 21, M.D. of	Municipal District	2,714	2,787	2,886
Saddle Hills County	Municipal District	2,458	2,566	2,689
Grimshaw	Town	2,537	2,435	2,661
Smoky River No. 130, M.D. of	Municipal District	2,442	2,405	2,491
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006				

\* Top ten cities/towns and municipalities in region, based on population from census years.

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region				
Major Municipalities	2001 - 2006 (5 Years)		1996 - 2006 (10 Years)	
	% Change	Net Change	% Change	Net Change
Grande Prairie	27.3%	10,093	51.2%	15,936
Grande Prairie No. 1, County of	14.9%	2,332	30.7%	4,220
Peace River	1.2%	75	-3.4%	(221)
Greenview No. 16, M.D. of	0.8%	46	1.0%	52
Northern Lights No. 22, M.D. of	3.7%	136	-2.8%	(108)
Fairview	4.5%	142	-0.6%	(19)
Clear Hills No. 21, M.D. of	-2.6%	(73)	-6.0%	(172)
Saddle Hills County	-4.2%	(108)	-8.6%	(231)
Grimshaw	4.2%	102	-4.7%	(124)
Smoky River No. 130, M.D. of	1.5%	37	-2.0%	(49)
Source: Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry				





## DEMOGRAPHICS

- According to Statistics Canada census data, the Peace Country Region's population had a percentage increase of 11.6% from 2001 -2006 (5 years) which works out to an increase of 12,359 residents.
- According to Statistics Canada census data, in 2006, the Peace Country Region's population accounted for 3.6% of the provinces' population.

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Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region	
Land Area	Peace Country
Square Kilometers	109,236.7
% of Provincial Total	17.1
Total Population	Peace Country
Population (000s), 2006 Census	118,934
% of Provincial Total	3.6%
Population (000s), 2001 Census	106,575
% of Provincial Total	3.6%
Population (000s), 1996 Census	100,085
% of Provincial Total	3.8%
Population Growth (%), 2001 - 2006	11.6%
Population Growth (%), 1996 - 2006	18.8%
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006	

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region			
Population Components	2006	2001	1996
Age Group: 65+ (%)	9.0	8.7	8.2
Age Group: 0 - 14 (%)	22.2	23.9	25.7
Dependency Ratio <sup>1</sup>	45.4	48.1	51.2
Old Age Dependency Ratio <sup>2</sup>	13.1	12.9	12.4
Males, Ages 0 -14 (%)	22.3	23.9	25.7
Females, Ages 0 - 14 (%)	22.2	23.6	25.6
Males, Ages 15 - 64 (%)	68.6	67.8	66.7
Females, Ages 15 - 64 (%)	65.8	67.2	65.5
Males, Ages 65+ (%)	11.6	8.2	7.7
Females, Ages 65+ (%)	15.1	9.2	8.9
Source: Statistics Canada, Census 1996, 2001, 2006			





## IMMIGRATION – PERMANENT RESIDENTS

- According to Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in 2006, 165 immigrants selected a location in the Peace Country Region geography as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application form.

*Please note: This figure does not include temporary foreign workers, students or temporary residents. Also, those that selected a certain province as their destination of choice on their permanent residence application are not required to move to the province indicated. This means that there could potentially be data missing due to immigrants indicating once province as their destination and then actually moving to another.*

- The annualized percentage growth from 1996 to 2006 for the Peace Country Region was 0.5%. The annualized percentage growth from 1996 to 2006 for Alberta was 4.0%. The percent change for the Peace Country Region from 2001 -2006 (5 Years) was 50.0 % (55) and the percent change from 1996 – 2006 (10 Years) was 5.1% (8).

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region	
Immigrants (Permanent Residents) <sup>3</sup>	Peace Country Region
As of December 31, 1996	157
% of Province	1.1%
As of December 31, 1997	103
% of Province	0.8%
As of December 31, 1998	103
% of Province	0.9%
As of December 31, 1999	73
% of Province	0.6%
As of December 31, 2000	124
% of Province	0.9%
As of December 31, 2001	110
% of Province	0.7%
As of December 31, 2002	129
% of Province	0.9%
As of December 31, 2003	99
% of Province	0.6%
As of December 31, 2004	165
% of Province	1.0%
As of December 31, 2005	133
% of Province	0.7%
As of December 31, 2006	165
% of Province	0.8%
Annualized Percentage Growth, 1996 - 2006, 10 years <sup>4</sup>	0.5%
Source: Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) Landing File, Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry	





## NEWLY REGISTERED APPRENTICES

- From December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2006, the number of newly registered apprentices for the Peace Country Region increased by 111.8% (667 to 1413).
- As of December 31, 2006, the Peace Country Region accounted for 5.7% of all the newly registered apprentices in Alberta (1,413 of 24,914).
- The annualized percentage growth for the Peace Country Region from December 31, 2001 to December 31, 2006 was 16.2%. The annualized percentage growth for the same period for the province was 12.2%.
- The top trades that new apprentices registered for, in 2006, in the Peace Country Region are: Welder (259), Heavy Equipment Technician (175) and Electrician (138). The top trades that new apprentices registered for, in 2006, in Alberta are: Welder (4,423), Electrician (3,051) and Heavy Equipment Technician (2,191).

*Please note: These figures are based on employer location and only account for first year apprentices. This is not the running total of all apprentices currently enrolled in all trade programs from year one up to their certificate. Several apprentice programs take several years to complete with both on-the-job and classroom training.*

<b>Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region</b>	
<b>Newly Registered Apprentices - All Trades <sup>5</sup></b>	<b>Peace Country</b>
As of December 31, 2001	667
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	<b>4.8%</b>
As of December 31, 2002	628
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	<b>4.8%</b>
As of December 31, 2003	645
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	<b>5.5%</b>
As of December 31, 2004	840
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	<b>6.6%</b>
As of December 31, 2005	1,010
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	<b>5.6%</b>
As of December 31, 2006	1,413
Region's % of Province New Registered Apprentices	<b>5.7%</b>
<b>Annualized Percentage Growth, 2001 - 2006, 5 years <sup>6</sup></b>	<b>16.2%</b>
Source: Alberta Advanced Education, Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry	





# LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS – LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

- In 2006, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the Peace Country Region employment rate for the working population of 15+ was 77.0% with a participation rate of 79.3%.
- In 2006, according to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the Peace Country Region employment rate for the age group 15 -24 years old was 77.8% with a participation rate of 77.8%.
- In 2006, Alberta had the lowest unemployment rate in Canada at 3.4% - well below the national average of 6.3%. Between 2005 and 2006, the number of people employed in Alberta grew by 4.8% or by 86,300. Between 1996 and 2006, the number of people employed grew by 465,600. – *Statistics Canada, Historical Labour Force Review*
- In 2006, Alberta made up 10.1% of Canada's working age population (15+ years), the province created more than a quarter or 27.4% of all new jobs in Canada. Alberta created the second highest number of job in the country following Ontario, which had three times the working age population of Alberta, or 39.1%. – *Annual Alberta Labour Market Review*

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region						
Annual Labour Force Characteristics <sup>7</sup>	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
Population: 15+ (000s)	106.2	102.6	100.9	100.5	101.7	95.8
Labour Force: 15+ (000s)	84.2	80.4	77.7	76.9	79.7	71.9
Employment: 15+ (000s)	81.8	78.0	74.4	72.4	75.4	68.4
Unemployment: 15+ (000s)	2.4	2.4	3.3	4.4	4.3	3.5
Participation Rate: 15+ (%)	79.3	78.4	77.0	76.5	78.4	75.1
Unemployment Rate: 15+ (%)	2.9	3.0	4.2	5.7	5.4	4.9
Employment Rate: 15+ (%)	77.0	76.0	73.7	72.0	74.1	71.4
Participation Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%)	77.8	79.5	73.7	75.4	72.9	71.4
Unemployment Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%)	N/A	N/A	9.7	10.1	10.3	N/A
Employment Rate - Age Group: 15 - 24 (%)	77.8	75.0	66.5	67.8	65.3	63.4

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey - Note: N/A=data suppressed, insufficient sample.

There is no population control for special geography and some regions have small sample size, the volatility of these estimates can lead to large year to year swings in the data so the drop or increase would come from sampling variability. Also beginning in 2005, Statistics Canada used the 2005 redesign, prior 2005 they used the 1995 redesign. Statistics Canada also used a blend of the old and new designs from November 2004 to March 2005. This was the phase in period and the two designs did overlap during that time. Statistics Canada urges the reader to notice that some regions increase in sample size. This could explain the jump in population 15.





# EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY – LABOUR FORCE SURVEY

- In 2006, According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the service-producing sector in the Peace Country Region employed over 65% of those surveyed.
- In 2006, According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey, the Retail industry had the highest amount of individuals employed with approximately 11,500 jobs. This industry includes representatives such as Automobile dealers, Grocery store clerks and Clothing store clerks.

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region						
Annual Employment by Industry <sup>8</sup>	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
<b>All Industries (000s) - Total</b>	<b>81.8</b>	<b>78.0</b>	<b>74.4</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>75.4</b>	<b>68.4</b>
<b>Goods-Producing Sector</b>	<b>28.5</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>23.3</b>
Agriculture	4.6	4.4	2.8	5.1	3.2	3.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil & Gas	11.2	11.4	10.4	9.7	7.6	7.6
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	8.1	7.9	6.8	5.6	6.3	7.1
Manufacturing	4.1	3.7	4.8	4.0	4.3	4.2
<b>Services-Producing Sector</b>	<b>53.3</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>49.1</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>45.0</b>
Wholesale Trade	3.5	2.8	2.7	3.1	3.0	4.0
Retail Trade	11.5	11.3	9.2	7.9	10.2	6.8
Transportation & Warehousing	4.4	4.3	4.9	3.8	4.1	4.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	4	2.5	3.2	3.1	2.3	2.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.4	3.6	2.4
Business, Building & Other Support Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Educational Services	3.6	4.0	4.3	3.6	3.6	4.8
Health Care & Social Assistance	6.7	7.2	6.7	6.4	7.7	7.5
Information, Culture & Recreation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	5.5	5.2	4.7	6.1	7.0	4.7
Other Services	4.2	3.8	4.1	3.8	5.2	1.9
Public Administration	2.4	2.0	3.2	3.3	2.4	1.9

Source: Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey Note: N/A= data suppressed, insufficient sample size.

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## INCOME, TAXFILER

- In 2005, the average individual income for all taxfilers for the Peace Country Region XXX.
- In 2005, XXXXX of all taxfilers for the Peace Country Region reported individual gross income of \$100,000 and over with the average claim over \$100,000 being XXXX.

## “COUPLE” INCOME

- In 2005, the average “couple income” for all taxfilers for the Peace Country Region was XXX.
- In 2005, XXXXX of all taxfilers for the Peace Country Region that declared themselves a “couple”, defined as married or common law, reported a combined gross income of \$100,000 and over.





# INVESTMENT

- In 2006, the total building permit value for the Peace Country Region increased by 61.2% (roughly \$247.6 million) from 2005.
- In 2006, the residential building permit value for the Peace Country Region increased by 62.1% (roughly \$122.3 million) from 2005.
- In 2006, the number of single family housing starts in the Peace Country Region increased by 44.7% (539 units) from 2005. In 2006, 5.7% of all single family housing starts in Alberta were in the Peace Country Region.
- In 2006, the number of total housing starts in the Peace Country Region increased by 50.0% (849 units) from 2005. In 2006, 5.0% of total housing starts in Alberta were in the Peace Country Region.
- Between the years 2001 and 2006, there has been 6,536 single family housing starts in the Peace Country Region. During the same time the total housing starts was 8,888.

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region			
Building Permit Values and Housing Starts (2006)	2006	2005	2004
Total Building Permit Value (\$000s)	652,018	404,451	341,588
% of Provincial Total	4.7%	4.0%	4.7%
Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$) <sup>10</sup>	5,482	3,546	3,143
Average Annual Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 2001 - 2006	515,930		
Average Annual Total Building Permit Value (\$000s), 1996 - 2006	365,194		
Commercial Building Permit Value (\$000s)	197,225	91,940	76,332
% of Total Building Permit Value	30.2%	22.7%	22.3%
% of Provincial Commercial Building Permit Value	5.4%	3.9%	4.9%
Industrial Building Permit Value (\$000s)	126,390	71,913	97,827
% of Total Building Permit Value	19.4%	17.8%	28.6%
% of Provincial Industrial Building Permit Value	12.0%	8.4%	22.8%
Institutional Building Permit Value (\$000s)	9,196	43,667	15,602
% of Total Building Permit Value	1.4%	10.8%	4.6%
% of Provincial Institutional Building Permit Value	0.9%	4.8%	3.2%
Residential Building Permit Value (\$000s)	319,207	196,931	151,827
% of Total Building Permit Value	49.0%	48.7%	44.4%
% of Provincial Residential Building Permit Value	3.9%	3.3%	3.1%
Single Family Housing Starts	1,746	1,207	1,086
Average Annual Single Family Housing Starts (2001 - 2006)	1,089		
Average Annual Single Family Housing Starts (1996 - 2006)	923		
Total Housing Starts	2,547	1,698	1,328
Average Annual Total Housing Starts (2001 - 2006)	1,481		
Average Annual Total Housing Starts (1996 - 2006)	1,204		
Source: Statistics Canada, Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry			



## ESTABLISHMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES

- In 2006, 64.2% of all business establishments with employees in the Peace Country Region were classified in the Services-Producing Sector which includes such industries as Retail Trade, Accommodation and Good Services, and Public Administration.
- From 2005 - 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the Peace Country Region was 6.7% (464 net establishments). From 2001 – 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the Peace Country Region was 19.2% (1,188 net establishments).
- From 2005 – 2006, the goods-producing sector in the Peace Country Region saw a net increase of 8.4% (206 net establishments). From 2005 – 2006, the service-producing sector in the Peace Country Region saw a net increase of 5.8% (258 net establishments).

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region					
Establishment with Employees <sup>11</sup>	2006	2005	2001	% Change 2005 - 2006	% Change 2001 - 2006
<b>All Industries (Total)</b>	<b>7,385</b>	<b>6,921</b>	<b>6,197</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>19.2%</b>
<b>Goods-Producing Sector</b>	<b>2,644</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>2,224</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	682	696	735	-2.0%	-7.2%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	689	589	463	17.0%	48.8%
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	1,099	991	864	10.9%	27.2%
Manufacturing	160	150	152	6.7%	5.3%
<b>Services-Producing Sector</b>	<b>4,741</b>	<b>4,483</b>	<b>3,973</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>19.3%</b>
Wholesale Trade	303	309	297	-1.9%	2.0%
Retail Trade	589	584	554	0.9%	6.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	661	595	512	11.1%	29.1%
Information, Culture & Recreation	136	126	121	7.9%	12.4%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	464	434	337	6.9%	37.7%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	772	721	522	7.1%	47.9%
Business, Building & Other Support Services	379	334	334	13.5%	13.5%
Educational Services	48	44	54	9.1%	-11.1%
Health Care & Social Assistance	307	317	299	-3.2%	2.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	273	277	278	-1.4%	-1.8%
Other Services	769	701	624	9.7%	23.2%
Public Administration	40	41	41	-2.4%	-2.4%
Source: 2006 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance Note: N/A - Insufficient sample size, data suppressed. Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry					





# SMALL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS WITH EMPLOYEES – 1 – 49 EMPLOYEES

- In 2006, 94.5% of all business establishments in the Peace Country Region were classified as small businesses (Business that have 1 – 49 employees).
- From 2005 - 2006, the net percentage change in small business establishments for all industries in the Peace Country Region was 5.7% (379 net establishments). From 2001 – 2006, the net percentage change in establishments with employees for all industries in the Peace Country Region was 16.9% (1,007 net establishments).

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region					
Small Business Establishments <sup>12</sup> (1 - 49 Employees)	2006	2005	2001	% Change 2005 - 2006	% Change 2001 - 2006
<b>All Industries (Total)</b>	<b>6,978</b>	<b>6,599</b>	<b>5,971</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>
<b>Goods-Producing Sector</b>	<b>2,502</b>	<b>2,325</b>	<b>2,143</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>16.8%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	667	682	729	-2.2%	-8.5%
Mining and Oil and Gas Extraction	648	561	442	15.5%	46.6%
Utilities	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Construction	1,030	936	823	10.0%	25.2%
Manufacturing	143	134	139	6.7%	2.9%
<b>Services-Producing Sector</b>	<b>4,476</b>	<b>4,274</b>	<b>3,828</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>16.9%</b>
Wholesale Trade	287	297	286	-3.4%	0.3%
Retail Trade	545	551	534	-1.1%	2.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	626	564	495	11.0%	26.5%
Information, Culture & Recreation	131	120	117	9.2%	12.0%
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	437	419	330	4.3%	32.4%
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	760	712	520	6.7%	46.2%
Business, Building & Other Support Services	357	325	326	9.8%	9.5%
Educational Services	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	280	292	275	-4.1%	1.8%
Accommodation & Food Services	235	241	251	-2.5%	-6.4%
Other Services	752	689	617	9.1%	21.9%
Public Administration	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Source: 2006 Alberta Business Monitor, Alberta Finance Note: N/A - Insufficient sample size, data suppressed. Compilations by Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry					





## MAJOR PROJECTS

- As of June 30, 2007, there were 58 projects in all industries for the Peace Country Region that were proposed, planned, under construction or completed.
- As of June 30, 2007, the total value for these 58 projects in all industries for the Peace Country Region that were proposed, planned, under construction or completed was \$3.4 billion.

*Please note: 2007 and 2006 can not be compared because some projects are carried over several years and there is only one cost available for the entire project*

Economic Indicators: Peace Country Region				
Major Construction Projects, As of June 30 <sup>13</sup>				
Industry Sector	Projects		Value (\$millions)	
	2007	2006	2007	2006
Agriculture and Related	2	1	\$166.0	\$15.4
Commercial/Retail	3	3	\$35.2	\$25.6
Forestry and Related	3	3	\$485.0	\$422.0
Infrastructure	17	13	\$391.1	\$277.8
Institutional	12	13	\$445.3	\$428.7
Oil & Gas	4	10	\$1,143.0	\$1,175.8
Other Industrial	1	1	\$7.0	\$7.0
Pipelines	2	1	\$23.8	\$6.3
Power	2	1	\$389.0	\$340.0
Residential	4	4	\$63.3	\$26.5
Tourism/Recreation	8	6	\$216.3	\$147.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>\$ 3,366.0</b>	<b>\$ 2,872.2</b>
Source: Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry, Inventory of Major Alberta Projects				

1. This inventory lists projects in Alberta, valued at \$5 million or greater, that have recently been completed, are currently under construction, or are proposed to start construction within two years. Not all projects over this threshold are listed due to reasons of confidentiality and/or due to information not being available at time of printing.
2. Project data is obtained from public information sources. Although, where possible, this data has been verified with the project proponent / developer, users of the Inventory may wish to confirm project data with the proponent / developer.
3. The inventory does not breakdown project expenditures by any given year. The cost of the project is the value of expenditures expected over all phases of project construction, which may span over two or more years.
4. The cost of projects listed in the Inventory are estimated values only.



### Economic Indicator Definitions

**1 Dependency Ratio** – As of May 2006, the percentage of the population below the age of 15 (Child) and over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 – 64). This is the population of children and elderly that are dependent on the adult population for economic needs.

**2 Old Age Dependency Ratio** – As of May 2006, the percentage of the population over the age of 64 (Elderly) divided by the number of adults (15 – 64). This is the population that is dependent on the adult population for economic needs.

**3 Permanent Immigrants** - Citizenship and Immigration Canada's (CIC) count of where immigrants are landing within the province of Alberta. This includes spouses, dependents, entrepreneurs, investors, self employed, refugees and family sponsorship. This does not take into account those that land in other Canadian provinces and then move to Alberta.

**4 Annualized Percentage Growth, 1996 - 2006, 10 Years (%)** - The average annual increase in immigrants over the 10 year period.

**5 Newly Registered Apprentices - All Trades** - The number of apprentices that are newly enrolled in a designated trade program. The apprentices must be enrolled by their original employer by December 31 of the year. Regional data is based on original employer location.

**6 Annualized Percentage Growth, 2001 – 2006, 5 Years (%)** - The average annual increase in newly registered apprentices for the 5 year period.

**7 Annual Labour Force Characteristics** - Drawn from Statistics Canada's Labour Force Survey (LFS). The LFS is the source of current, monthly, and annual estimates of total employment (including self-employment) and unemployment. Allocating existing LFS respondents to Economic Indicator Regions results in insufficient data for certain regions (i.e. Insufficient sample sizes).

**LABOUR FORCE:** Persons who are 15 years or over that were not institutional residents that were either employed or unemployed for the year. Labour Force = Employed + Unemployed.

**PARTICIPATION RATE:** Number of persons from the Labour force expressed as a percentage of the population aged 15 years and over. Participation Rate = (Labour Force / Population 15 years and over)\*100.

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE:** Number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the labour force. Unemployment Rate = (Unemployed / Labour Force)\*100.

**EMPLOYMENT RATE:** Number of employed persons expressed as a percentage of the population 15 years of age and over. Employment Rate = (Employed / Population 15 years and over)\*100.

**8 Annual Employment by Industry** - Based on the Labour Force Survey data. Industry and occupation codes are assigned using the respondent's job description on the questionnaire. Codes assigned are based on the classifications described in the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS 2002).

**9 Income (2005) – Individual Income (2005)** - Gross income for individuals filing income tax in Alberta in 2005. **Couple Income (2005)** – Gross income for people that defined themselves as married or common law when filing the income tax in Alberta in 2005.

**10 Per Capita Building Permit Value (\$)** - Total value of building permits for a region divided by its population.

**11 Annual Establishments with Employees** – Business establishments are presented by the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) industry codes. Commercial industries are included as are several in the public sector (schools, universities, hospitals, government offices, churches, service clubs, etc.)

**12 Small Business Establishments** - Business establishment with less than 49 employees and at least one employee. This does not include individuals that are self-employed.

**13 Major Projects** – As of June 2007, a list of major development projects in Alberta that are valued at \$5 million or more that are planned, currently under construction or recently completed. Project data is obtained from public information sources. Updated information is added monthly, print edition is updated quarterly.







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